



IEN Program Resource Advisory Council (IPRAC)

August 14, 2012 Meeting Minutes

(Approved February 21, 2013)

The August 14, 2012 meeting of the IEN Program Resource Advisory Council was held in the Barbara Morgan Room of the LBJ Building, 650 West State Street, Boise, Idaho.

ATTENDANCE

Members/Alternate(s) Present:

Teresa Luna (Vice Chair), Director, Dept. of Administration
Jerry Reininger, Director of Information Systems, Meridian School District
Rep. Darrell Bolz, Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee
Jay Larsen, Executive Director, Idaho Technology Council
Sen. John Goedde, Chairman of Senate Education Committee
Cheryl Charlton, CEO, Idaho Digital Learning Academy (phone)
Sen. Bert Brackett, Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee (phone)
John Miller, Dean of Off Campus Instruction, College of Southern Idaho (phone)
Rep. Wendy Jaquet, Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee (phone)

Absent Members

Tom Luna (Chair), Supt. of Public Instruction
Shelly Sayer, Premier Technology Inc.
Rep. Bob Nonini, Chairman of House of Rep. Education Committee
Sen. Shawn Keough, Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee

Others Present:

Julie Best, IEN	Keith Murphy, CenturyLink
Sally Brevick, Office of the CIO	Jerry Piper, Idaho Telecom Alliance
Mike Costa, IEN	Debra Stephenson-Padilla, IEN
Cliff Green, IEN	Joel Strickler, CenturyLink
Dan Haskell, ENA	Greg Zickau, Office of the CIO
Brady Kraft, IEN	
Kristin Magruder, IEN	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Rep. Jaquet moved and Rep. Bolz seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2012 meeting as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dr Reininger reported that Cisco and Polycom were designing codecs that were better suited to educational needs and the IEN environment.

Brady Kraft and Julie Best had worked on a proposal for an Investing in Innovation (i3) grant worth \$15M.

Questions and discussion

Rep. Jaquet queried whether professional development could take place when the schools were closed during the holidays. It was explained that this should be possible, though custodial staff and additional charges may be required. These details should be included in the rental agreement for each school.

Rep. Bolz asked whether other states were using interactive distance learning in the lower grades. Mr Kraft reported that some states were doing this and that there was a wealth of collaboration and virtual tour content

written for grades three and upwards. Below grade three, teachers were becoming more closely integrated through Gear Up programs.

Sen. Goedde drew attention to an partnership initiative between Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Public Library. The following link was shared with council members after the meeting <http://youmediachicago.org/> .

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Dr. Green provided an update on the IEN Comprehensive Strategic Plan (CSP). The past few months have been spent looking in detail at the action items and, for each of these, creating a “go plan”, refining measures for success, and starting to develop relationships and processes.

CONNECTIVITY REPORT

Director Luna recognized Mr Kraft for having received an Internet2 K20 Initiative Innovator award. Mr Kraft now represents the IEN on the Internet2 K20 Advisory Council.

Mr Kraft reported that 215 high schools are connected, reaching over 85,000 students. Additionally, all of the higher education institutions, including IDLA have been connected, apart from CSI due to technical issues which should be resolved within 30 days. The Idaho Commission for Libraries is connected to the Idaho State Network, which in turn is connected to the IEN. Regarding high schools with a status change:

- Valley School District still does not wish to connect to the IEN.
- ICON is a virtual school and therefore does not require video teleconferencing.
- Heritage Community Charter School has discontinued its high school program.

BUDGET

Mr Kraft presented the IEN budget from year one to the present time. Responding to a query at the previous meeting about third party contracts, Mr Kraft explained that Professional Service Agreements (PSAs) were included in Operations/Communications costs. PSAs include those with Dr Green and Kathy Hagler, as well as those for data entry and phone surveys undertaken early on.

In FY12 the IEN had sufficient funds to allow schools to apply for either an upgrade from receive to origination, or to obtain a second system. Nineteen schools benefitted from this initiative. The FY13 budget includes \$1.1M carried over from the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation. Consequently, the IEN requested \$1.9M in General Funds for FY13, as opposed to the \$3M originally predicted. A fifth FTE was granted for FY13, this position will be filled in the next month.

Questions and discussion

A question was raised about whether the J. A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation would be approached again for further funding. It was noted that there were no plans at this time to do so as other options were being pursued, such as the i3 grant. Mr Zickau advised that there is currently sufficient bandwidth, with room for growth, and added his personal opinion that best value would be achieved in promoting the use of the IEN, for instance in subsidizing dual credit in high schools.

Regarding the i3 grant, there would be no requirement for matching of funds by the State, however CenturyLink had made a commitment of \$7M in matching costs.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Ms Best introduced Kristin Magruder who has recently joined the IEN team as Public Relations and Communications Specialist. Ms Best went on to present a package of information that included the latest IEN Quarterly Report; satisfaction survey results from teachers and students; a “Dashboard of Effectiveness” capturing growth in IEN usage; and various articles and social media updates. Highlights of the report:

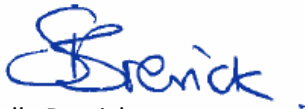
- last year there was a 98% student completion rate over the IEN which is outstanding for distance learning.
- 75% of classes were advanced placement or dual credit.
- 174 students completed a survey of their IEN experience with very positive results. Although “graduation requirement” is the main reason for taking classes over the IEN, many students chose classes simply because of their interest in the topic.
- The teacher survey shows the training undertaken with Andy Lanning is well received.
- There has been significant growth in origination training which grew 293% in the past year.
- There is a decrease in the numbers of proctors being trained, although the number (284) is still relatively high. Ms Lanning will introduce special topic training, such as using the iPad with the IEN.

Ms Best reported on the EduStat conference held in June, this included a session with two educators (Michelle Chavez and Dave Gural) who shared their experience teaching successfully over the IEN. At the annual Superintendents’ Meeting in July, a panel that included Dr Miller, Ben Allen and Jared Jenks, discussed best practices and was well attended.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2012 at 1:30pm in the Barbara Morgan Room of the LBJ Building, 650 West State Street.

Respectfully submitted,



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